

SIERRA – SAN JOAQUIN NOXIOUS WEED ALLIANCE
Fresno, Madera, Mariposa Counties Weed Management Area

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 8th, 2001

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL MEET AUGUST 22ND TO DISCUSS SB-1740 YEARS 2&3

Agenda Overview:

1. Introductions
 2. Minutes/Agenda Approval
 3. WMA Website
 4. Education Outreach – Printing more brochures, County Fair Booths
 5. Senate Bill 1740 – Updates and progress reports for each project/county
 6. Items for next agenda
1. **Attendees:** Joanna Clines, Sierra National Forest; Wain Johnson, Mariposa UC Co-op Extension (Ret); Jenny Gabor, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Madera; Peggy Moore, US Geological Survey; Fred Rinder, Fresno County; Doug Edwards; Fresno County; Lisa Ordonez, National Park Service; Gary Hickman, UC Extension in Mariposa; Aimee Smith, Forest Service; Red Martin, Westside Resource Conservation District(RCD); Linda Ballentine, Navelencia RCD & Arroyo Pasajero CRMP; Shannon Sommer, Sierra National Forest; Mike Smith, Millerton Lake State Rec. Area
 2. **Minutes/Agenda Approval:** Changes were given to Jenny Gabor for the July meeting minutes to be revised and approved. The final draft will be sent to Peggy Moore who will forward them to the CDFA web master at www.cdfa.ca.gov/wma as a PDF file. A copy will also be emailed to the Sierra-San Joaquin Noxious Weed Alliance membership.
 3. **WMA website:** Peggy will work on getting links into the Sierra-San Joaquin Noxious Weed Alliance web page. Proposed links will include the agencies represented on the steering committee. The Kearney Ag Center's website for the WMA is no longer needed.
 4. **Education Outreach:**
Top 10 Noxious Weed Brochures:
Action Item: Amend 1740, reallocating contract dollars to be spent on education, allocating \$1700 toward reprinting approximately 5,000 more brochures. Joanna will contact Steve Schoenig for approval. Linda Ballentine representing Navelencia RCD will donate \$1,000 toward reprinting 5000 brochures. Joanna will ask Pam Rank about the fees for making any changes to the wording in the brochures. The brochures will be used at County Fair booths for public education. Aimee Smith announced brochures were being used for reference on the fire-lines at the Briceburg Wildfire. Action was taken by staff fighting that fire to wash all equipment between jobsites to prevent the spread of weeds.

New Weed ID Booklets A meeting is set for August 22nd, after lunch to brainstorm and collaborate on ideas for the new booklet. Those attending should bring any publications for reference.

A noxious weed display will be put together for booths at the County Fairs. Someone will need to ensure that brochures are replenished at the booths. In some cases it will be necessary to put the display in the County Ag Commissioner or Extension service booth areas.
County fair dates are as follows:

August 31st-September 3rd, Mariposa County Fair
September 6th-9th, Madera County Fair
October 3rd -14th, Fresno County Fair

5 SB 1740 updates:

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON AUGUST 22ND TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR YEARS 2&3, SB-1740 FUNDS. THE MEETING WILL BE IN NORTH FORK 8:30AM. AN AFTERNOON MEETING WILL FOLLOW REGARDING THE NEW NOXIOUS WEED BOOKLET.

Fresno County:

Skeleton weed: New areas of infestation have been found, GPS mapped and sprayed in the Newmark, Lincoln area (S.E of Fresno). The infestation looks as if it is following the wind pattern. 1 seasonal employee, along with the full time staff person, will tend to the infestations.

Purple Starthistle: SB-1740 tasks are complete for purple starthistle. 1 permanent (8 hr/day) employee will GPS every 2 weeks revisiting prior infested areas.

Tocalote/Yellow Starthistle: Mapping and inventory has been completed. 4,620 miles of county roads and community service areas were surveyed to find 315 acres infested with yellow starthistle. 490 hours remain for SB-1740 contract. 2 readings were taken when mapping. One was a road shoulder reading and the second was a point reading with comments.

A request for labor to spray 200 miles of fence-line with Transline will be submitted for the 2nd&3rd year contract. In March-April of year 2, spraying will be done in Dunlap to Hills Valley Road, PAT area, and Coalinga Mineral Springs areas.

Joanna suggested considering Threatened & Endangered species before spraying.

PAT Group: There were no representatives present to give updates on the PAT area..

Madera County:

Don Mayeda was not present to make reports for Madera.

Mariposa County:

Wain Johnson and Ann Mendershausen of Mariposa RCD are mapping all county roads for tocalote, yellow starthistle, klamath weed, and Italian thistle. The mapping will consist of 2 solid weeks of travel time to complete. Next year Mariposa County will be going to the owners with known infestations rather than announcing the cost-share removal program to the public to make things easier. Wain inquired about a map printer to print out the results of 1740 mapping. Collaborations can possibly be made between steering committee members to complete the maps.

Joanna will ask Steve Schoenig about all WMAs receiving a copy of the ARCVIEW computer program

Lisa Ordonez: The National Park Service is interested in resubmitting an application for yellow starthistle control at McCauley Ranch for years 2&3 of SB-1740 funds

State Parks:

Mike Smith from Millerton Lake notified the group of new infestations of medusahead. Mike has been mapping the Clarksfield, Grandville, West Cal area and found the infestations on private properties. The landowners are concerned, as the weeds will affect their livestock businesses if not tended to. The possibilities of teaming up with CDF to burn the areas or cost-sharing with the landowners with SB-1740 funds are to be discussed.

Forest Service:

Joanna Clines reported a finding of spotted knapweed up on Dinky Road

6. **Dates to remember:** August 17th, Noxious Weed Steering Committee Meeting, Sacramento
September 14th, work plans for years 2/3 SB-1740 monies due
September 24-25th 3rd Annual Weed Mgt. Area Meeting, Woodland

Future agenda items: SB 1740 proposals for the 2nd & 3rd year contracts

- Posted on WMA Web site:**
1. Memorandum of Understanding
 2. SB-1740 proposal (31 pages), AB-1168
 3. 2000 and 2001 meeting minutes
 4. Directions and contact(Joanna) to meeting
 5. Regular meeting dates

- To be on WMA Web site:**
1. Brochures
 2. Monitoring Standards (revised by Peggy)
 3. Important dates
 4. Additional meeting minutes back to 1998
 5. Newspaper article from Mountain Press
 6. Additions to CDFA calendar with all meetings and events

Plant names used in these notes:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Italian thistle	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
klamathweed	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
medusahead	<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>
purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
skeleton weed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>
spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>
toocalote	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>